

### Completion of Devaramaradi and Pemmaludevaruhalli Tanks.

\*Q.—262. Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY (Chikkanayakanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the estimated cost of Devaramaradi and Pemmaludevaruhalli tanks in Chikkanayakanahalli taluk ;

(b) whether any outlay has been made in Pemmaludevaruhalli tank ;

(c) the time required for the completion of this tank ? \*

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Devaramaradi Tank :—

Rs. 1,88,000.

Pemmaludevaruhalli Tank :—

Rs. 80,000.

(b) No.

(c) About eighteen months after the work is commenced. The estimate has not yet been sanctioned and work can only be taken up if and after it is sanctioned.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—You have stated that the work has not commenced at Devaramaradi Tank. Is it not a fact that there was one Ganganna Bellara was the contractor and a bill of Rs. 5,000 was paid to him ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Where is it that it has been stated that the work has not started ? In respect of Devaramaradi Tank outlay has been incurred, but in respect of Pemmaludevaruhalli Tank no outlay has been incurred.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that in respect of Devaramaradi Tank, work has been commenced and again stopped ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It was.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—May I know the reason for the same ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The work was commenced and an outlay of Rs. 3,410 was incurred. Later on, it was found that the area commanded by this tank is going to be covered by Boranakanive. There was a complaint from Bisudi village that 1,000 coconut trees will be submerged. After a

thorough examination of these things, the work was stopped.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—You have stated in answer to (c) that about eighteen months after the work is commenced, the tank will be completed. It has also been stated that estimate has not yet been sanctioned. May I know how the departmental authorities have allowed this work to be taken up without sanction ? What is the action that the Government propose to take against such officers ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Hon'ble Member is confusing himself between two tanks. This is in respect of Pemmaludevaruhalli Tank.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—It is said that 1000 coconut trees would be submerged. May I know whether they were not aware that bagayat lands would be submerged before ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—From the information available with me all aspects of the question, not only this one, but also the fact that the area to be commanded by the Devaramaradi Tank would be covered by Boranakanive project was taken into consideration. It was therefore dropped at that time.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that the Superintending Engineer wanted to help the contractor who had undertaken this work at a lower rate and so it was dropped ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It was the Hon'ble Member's information and not the Government's information.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—If that is not the case, was it not the duty of the Government to consider all the aspects—what the Hon'ble Minister expressed just now—before taking up the work ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Well, to some extent it is a defective investigation, and now after examining all aspects of the question, the Government have come to the conclusion that it is not desirable to construct the tank at the site selected. And I can tell for the information of this House that an estimate for the construction of a tank at a separate site is also under consideration and examination.